

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously amended): A gaming device comprising:

an award distributor having a plurality of award symbols, at least one selection group activator symbol, and a symbol indicator;

at least one selection set having a plurality of selections;

a plurality of selection awards associated with said selections in said selection set;

a selector for enabling a player to pick said selections in said selection set; and

a processor for causing said symbol indicator to indicate symbols of the award distributor, for providing the player an award associated with each indicated award symbol, for co-acting with the selector to enable the player to pick at least one of the selections from said plurality of selections when said selection group activator symbol is indicated, for providing the selection award associated with each picked selection to the player and for reducing the plurality of available selections in said selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player when the selection group activator symbol is subsequently indicated by the symbol indicator of the award distributor.

Claim 2 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of selection sets wherein each set has a plurality of selections.

Claim 3 (original): The gaming device of Claim 2, wherein the processor randomly selects one of the selection sets when said selection group activator symbol is indicated.

Claim 4 (previously amended): The gaming device of Claim 3, which includes a probability associated with each selection set.

Claim 5 (original): The gaming device of Claim 4, wherein the probability associated with one of the selection sets is higher than the probability associated with another of the selection sets.

Claim 6 (original): The gaming device of Claim 5, wherein the selection set having a higher probability includes selection awards having a lower average value than an average value of awards associated with another selection set.

Claim 7 (original): The gaming device of Claim 5, wherein the selection set having the higher probability has selection awards with an average value higher than another selection set.

Claim 8 (original): The gaming device of Claim 2, wherein said award distributor includes a plurality of selection group activator symbols.

CI Claim 9 (original): The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein each of said selection group activator symbols is associated with one of the selection sets.

Claim 10 (previously amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a probability of being indicated associated with each symbol, wherein the processor determines the symbol indicated based on each probability.

Claim 11 (original): The gaming device of Claim 10, wherein a plurality of said probabilities are the same.

Claim 12 (original): The gaming device of Claim 10, wherein all of said probabilities associated with said symbols are the same.

Claim 13 (original): The gaming device of Claim 10, wherein the probability associated with said selection group activator symbol is higher than the probability associated with one of the award symbols.

Claim 14 (original): The gaming device of Claim 10, wherein the probability associated with said selection group activator symbol is higher than the probabilities associated with a plurality of said award symbols.

Claim 15 (original): The gaming device of Claim 10, wherein the probability associated with said selection group activator symbol is higher than the probabilities associated with all of said award symbols.

Claim 16 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes probabilities associated with said selection group activator symbol and ^{said award symbols} ~~said award symbols~~ such that the selection group activator symbol has a greater probability of being indicated by ^{said symbol indicator} ~~said selection indicator~~ than at least one of said award symbols.

Claim 17 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of potential total awards, whereby said processor picks one of said total awards and repeatedly indicates symbols on the award distributor having said awards associated with said award symbols and said selection awards associated with said selection group activator symbol until the awards accumulate to the total award.

Claim 18 (original): The gaming device of Claim 17, wherein said total awards are associated with probabilities such that one of said total awards has a higher probability of being selected by said processor than another of said total awards.

Claim 19 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said symbol indicator includes an illumination device which indicates an award symbol or selection group activator symbol of said distributor.

Claim 20 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said award distributor includes an award wheel wherein the award symbols and the selection group activator symbol are on the award wheel.

Claim 21 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes means for the player to obtain at least one additional activation of the award distributor.

Claim 22 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said selection set includes a predetermined number of available selections, wherein the processor decreases the number of subsequently available selections after each pick of a selection by a player.

Claim 23 (original): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the processor reduces the number of available selections in the selection set by a randomly determined number.

4 Claim 24 (original): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the processor reduces the number of available selections in the selection set by a predetermined amount.

Claim 25 (original): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the processor reduces the number of selections by the number of selections picked by the player.

Claim 26 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said award distributor includes at least one terminator symbol, wherein the processor ends ~~the~~ activations of the award distributor if said terminator symbol is indicated by said symbol indicator.

Claim 27 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein a terminator is associated with one selection in the selection set, wherein the processor ends ~~the~~ activations of the award distributor if the player picks the selection having the associated terminator.

Claim 28 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes means for enabling the player to at least partially determine a number of activations of the award distributor.

Claim 29 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a display device controlled by the processor, wherein said display device continuously displays the selection set during activations of the award distributor and picks of the selections from the selection sets.

Claim 30 (previously amended): A gaming device having a bonus game comprising:

an award distributor having a plurality of award symbols, at least one selection group activator symbol, and a symbol indicator;

a plurality of selection sets with a plurality of selections in each selection set;

a plurality of selection awards associated with said selections in said selection sets;

a selector for enabling a player to pick said selections in said selection sets; and

C / a processor for causing said symbol indicator to indicate symbols of the award distributor, for providing the player an award associated with each indicated award symbol, for co-acting with the selector to enable the player to pick at least one of the selections, which has not been previously picked by the player after a previous indication of the selection group activator, from said plurality of selections in one of said selection groups when said selection group activator symbol is indicated, and for providing the selection award associated with each picked selection to the player.

Claim 31 (previously amended): The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein when one of the selections in one of the selection sets is selected, the processor reduces the plurality of available selections in said selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player.

Claim 32 (original): The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein the processor randomly selects one of the selection sets for the player to pick from when said selection group activator symbol is indicated.

Claim 33 (previously amended): The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein each selection set is associated with a probability that such selection set will be activated when said selection group activator symbol is indicated.

Claim 34 (original): The gaming device of Claim 33, wherein the probability associated with one of the selection sets is higher than the probability associated with another of the selection sets.

Claim 35 (original): The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein said award distributor includes a plurality of selection group activator symbols.

c/ Claim 36 (original): The gaming device of Claim 35, wherein each of said selection group activator symbols is associated with one of the selection sets.

Claim 37 (original): The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein the processor and the selector co-act to enable the player to pick at least one selection from each selection set when the selection group activator symbol is indicated.

Claim 38 (original): The gaming device of Claim 30, which includes a probability of being indicated associated with each symbol, wherein the processor determines the symbol indicated based on said probabilities.

Claim 39 (original): The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein said award distributor includes an award wheel wherein the award symbols and the selection group activator symbol are on the award wheel.

Claim 40 (original): The gaming device of Claim 30, which includes a plurality of activations of said award distributor.

Claim 41 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, which includes means for the player to obtain at least one additional activation of the award distributor.

Claim 42 (original): The gaming device of Claim 30, which includes means for the player to select a number of activations of the award distributor.

Claim 43 (original): The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein said award distributor includes at least one terminator symbol, wherein the processor ends ~~the~~ activations of the award distributor if said terminator symbol is indicated by said symbol indicator.

Claim 44 (original): The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein a terminator is associated with one selection in the selection set, wherein the processor ends ~~the~~ activations of the award distributor if the player picks the selection having the associated terminator.

Claim 45 (previously amended): A gaming device having a bonus game comprising:
a plurality of selection sets having a plurality of selections;
a plurality of selection awards associated with said selections in said sets;
a selector for enabling a player to pick said selections in said selection sets;
an award distributor having a plurality of award symbols, a selection group activator symbol associated with each selection set, and a symbol indicator; and
a processor for causing said symbol indicator to indicate symbols of the award distributor, for providing the player an award associated with each indicated award symbol, for co-acting with the selector to enable the player to pick at least one of the selections from the selection set associated with the indicated selection group activator symbol, for providing the selection award associated with each picked selection to the player and for reducing after each time the player picks one of the selections in said selection set at least one available selection in said selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player after each time the player picks one of the selections in said selection set.

Claim 46 (original): The gaming device of Claim 45, wherein the selector includes a touch screen.

Claim 47 (previously amended): A gaming device comprising:

a first selection set;

a second selection set;

a plurality of selection awards associated with said first and second selection sets, wherein said first selection set includes selections with larger value awards than said second selection set;

a selector for enabling a player to pick said selections in said selection sets;

an award distributor having a plurality of award symbols, a selection group activator symbol, and a symbol indicator; and

a processor for causing said symbol indicator to indicate symbols of the award distributor, for providing the player an award associated with each indicated award symbol, for co-acting with the selector to enable the player to pick one of the selections from said first or second selection sets when said selection group activator ^{symbol} ~~symbol~~ is indicated, for providing the selection award associated with each picked selection to the player, for eliminating the selection picked from the available selections in said first or second selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player after a selection group activator is subsequently indicated.

Claim 48 (original): The gaming device of Claim 47, wherein probabilities of being activated are associated with said first and second selection sets, and the probability associated with said first selection set is higher than the probability associated with said second selection set.

Claim 49 (previously amended): A gaming device having a bonus game comprising:

- a wheel having a plurality of sections;
- a plurality of award symbols on a plurality of said sections of said wheel;
- a plurality of awards associated with said award symbols;
- a selection group activator symbol on one of said sections of said wheel;
- at least one selection set associated with said selection group activator symbol;
- a plurality of selections included in each selection set;
- a plurality of selection awards associated with said selections;
- a section indicator; and

C (a processor for causing one of said award wheel and said section indicator to repeatedly move to indicate sections on the wheel, for providing the player an award associated with each indicated award symbol, for enabling the player to pick one of the selections from the selection set associated with the indicated selection group activator symbol and for providing the selection award associated with each picked selection to the player and reducing available selections in said selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player after the selection group activator symbol is subsequently indicated.

Claim 50 (original): The gaming device of Claim 49, which includes a probability of being indicated associated with each section, wherein the processor determines the section indicated based on said probabilities.

Claim 51 (original): The gaming device of Claim 50, wherein a plurality of said probabilities are the same.

Claim 52 (original): The gaming device of Claim 50, wherein all of said probabilities are the same.

Claim 53 (previously amended): The gaming device of Claim 49, which includes a plurality of activations of said award wheel.

Claim 54 (previously amended): A gaming device having a bonus game comprising:

a wheel having a plurality of sections;

a plurality of award symbols on a plurality of said sections of said wheel;

a plurality of awards associated with said award symbols;

at least one selection group activator symbol on at least one of said sections of said wheel;

at least two selection sets;

a plurality of selections included in each of said selection sets;

a plurality of selection awards associated with said selections;

a section indicator; and

CI a processor for causing one of said award wheel and said section indicator to repeatedly move to indicate sections on the wheel, for providing the player an award associated with each indicated award symbol, for enabling the player to pick one of the selections which has not been previously picked by the player after a previous indication of the selection group activator, from one of the selection sets associated with the indicated selection group activator symbol, and for providing the selection award associated with each picked selection to the player.

Claim 55 (original): The gaming device of Claim 54; wherein when the player picks one of the selections in one of the selection sets, the processor reduces available selections in said selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player.

Claim 56 (currently amended): A gaming device having a bonus game comprising:

a wheel;

a plurality of award symbols associated with said wheel, and an award associated with each award symbol;

a sub-game activator symbol associated with said wheel;

a symbol indicator;

a plurality of sub-games, each at least one sub-game including a plurality of selections wherein at least one sub-game award is associated with each selection; and

C / a processor for causing the symbol indicator to indicate one of the symbols on the wheel ~~a plurality of times~~, for providing a player an award associated with each indicated award symbol, for triggering one of the sub-games when said sub-game activator symbol is indicated, for enabling the player to play ~~one of the triggered~~ sub-games by picking one of the selections ~~when said sub-game activator symbol is indicated~~, and for providing the player a the sub-game award ~~obtained~~ associated with the selection picked by the player in the sub-game.

Claim 57 (original): The gaming device of Claim 56, which includes a probability of obtaining higher value awards associated with each sub-game, wherein the probability increases after each sub-game is played by the player.

Claim 58 (currently amended): A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising the steps of:

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- (a) activating an award distributor including award symbols and at least one selection group activator symbol;
 - (b) providing an award to the player if an award symbol is indicated by the award distributor;
 - (c) displaying a selection set having a plurality of selections wherein each selection is associated with an award, if a selection group activator symbol is indicated by the award distributor;
 - (d) enabling a player to pick one of said selections from said selection set, if a selection group activator symbol is indicated by the award distributor;
 - (e) revealing ~~a selection~~ the award associated with the picked selection, if a selection group activator symbol is indicated by the award distributor;
 - (f) providing the revealed ~~provided selection~~ award to the player, if a selection group activator symbol is indicated by the award distributor;
 - (g) decreasing the plurality of available selections in the selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player after a the selection group activator is subsequently indicated, if a selection group activator symbol is indicated by the award distributor; and
 - (h) repeating steps (a) through (f) at least once.
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Claim 59 (previously added): A gaming device comprising:

a primary game operable upon a wager;

a secondary game including an award distributor having a plurality of award symbols, at least one selection group activator symbol, and a symbol indicator;

at least one selection set in said secondary game, said selection set having a plurality of selections;

a plurality of selection awards associated with said selections in said selection set;

C1 a selector for enabling a player to pick said selections in said selection set; and

a processor for triggering said secondary game upon an occurrence of an event in said primary game, for causing said symbol indicator to indicate symbols of the award distributor, for providing the player an award associated with each indicated award symbol, for co-acting with the selector to enable the player to pick at least one of the selections from said plurality of selections when said selection group activator symbol is indicated, for providing the selection award associated with each picked selection to the player and for reducing the plurality of available selections in said selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player when the selection group activator symbol is indicated.
